

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY  
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87th MEETING - APRIL 2, 1959  
Room 213 - Executive Office Building

Present:

Clarence B. Randall, Special Assistant to the President - Chairman  
C. Douglas Dillon, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs  
Frederick H. Mueller, Under Secretary of Commerce  
Julian B. Baird, Under Secretary of the Treasury  
True D. Morse, Under Secretary of Agriculture  
Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary, Health Education and Welfare  
Ralph W. E. Reid, Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget  
John S. Patterson, Assistant Director, Office of Civil and Defense  
Mobilization  
Karl Brandt, Member, Council of Economic Advisers  
Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President for National  
Security Affairs  
Karl G. Harr, Jr., Special Assistant to the President  
Phillip Areeda, Assistant Special Counsel to the President  
Wayne B. Warrington, Assistant to Administrative Assistant to  
the President  
Robert H. Knight, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
Fred G. Aandahl, Assistant Secretary of the Interior  
George C. Lodge, Assistant Secretary of Labor  
Robert Amory, Deputy Director (Intelligence), Central Intelligence  
Agency  
Lynn U. Stambaugh, First Vice President and Vice Chairman,  
Export-Import Bank  
Robert Cushman, Executive Assistant to the Vice President  
John F. Cushman, Acting Executive Assistant to the Attorney  
General  
Paul H. Cullen, Secretary, Council on Foreign Economic Policy  
and their assistants

I. The Council on Foreign Economic Policy approved the minutes of  
February 5, 1959.

II. CFEP 579 - Economic Defense Policy

1. The Council on Foreign Economic Policy considered the report  
and recommendations submitted by the CFEP Committee chaired by Under  
Secretary of Commerce Mueller, concerning (a) the effectiveness of the  
implementation of existing U. S. policy on trade with the Soviet Bloc;

and (b) the terms of reference for a study by an outside agency on the advantages and disadvantages to be derived by the United States from peaceful trade with the Soviet bloc (See CFEP 579/3 and CFEP 579/4). This report was submitted pursuant to CFEP action of January 22, 1959.

2. The CFEP Committee concluded that the current economic defense policy has, on the whole, been appropriately implemented. The Committee was unable to reach agreement as to the desirability or necessity for making a study concerning the advantages and disadvantages of peaceful trade with the Soviet bloc.

3. The CFEP reached the following consensus:

a. That the current U. S. Economic Defense Policy (NSC 5704/3) has, on the whole, been appropriately implemented.

b. That no recommendation should be submitted to the National Security Council at this time for changing the current U. S. Economic Defense Policy (NSC 5704/3).

c. That the CFEP should not at this time sponsor a study by an outside agency concerning the advantages and disadvantages of peaceful trade with the Soviet bloc.

d. That the CFEP would consider forthwith any studies and recommendations concerning the U. S. Economic Defense Policy when and if submitted by interested agencies of the Government.